

**Rutherford County Schools
Health & Education Report
August 27, 2013**

General Purpose School Budget Amendments (Tab)

1) Textbooks

This amendment takes \$1,250,000 from unassigned fund balance in order to increase the 2014 budget for textbooks - \$1,200,000 for regular education textbooks and \$50,000 for vocational textbooks.

The Reading Adoption Textbooks were ordered during June 2013. This is normally the lowest cost of any of the six years in the state's textbook adoption cycle. As orders came in we wound up spending \$3,332,963 for this adoption and growth textbooks for other subject areas. The cost of the reading adoption also increased because the state no longer allows the textbook publishers to give us as many teacher editions as we were able to get in the past.

On June 28, 2013 \$447,936 had to be added to the purchase order for the reading adoption. Mr. Sandvig was already concerned from the initial reading purchase order that the \$3,522,617 budgeted for the 2013/14 social studies adoption and growth would not be adequate.

Recommended motion – to amend \$1,250,000 from unassigned fund balance and increases the 2014 budget for textbooks as presented.

2) Blackman Middle Annex

Bids were received for the Blackman Middle Annex Bid, number 3028, at 2:00 PM, August 8, 2013 at Central Office Board Room. Bids were received from four contractors and ranged from \$8,097,000 to \$7,062,000. The lowest and best bid was received from Biscan Construction at \$7,062,000.

This amendment takes \$623,800 from unassigned fund balance and transfers it to the Building Program in order to fund the lowest construction bid for the Blackman Middle Annex building project. The \$623,800 will be added to the building construction line for this project.

Recommended motion – to amend \$623,800 from General Purpose School Unassigned Fund Balance and transfer it to Fund 189, School Building Program, with the request that the Commission increase the construction account for the Blackman Middle Annex building project by this same \$623,800 in order to fund the low construction bid.

3) Spectrum

The State has asked that Gifted Programs be moved from the Special Education major functions to the Regular Education major functions so that Tennessee reporting will be more aligned to Federal reporting.

This amendment moves \$1,495,806 in already budgeted expenditures to function 71100, Regular Education, from 71200, Special Education, and \$115,676 in already budgeted expenditures to function 72210, Regular Education Program, from 72220, Special Education Program.

Recommended motion -- to amend \$1,495,806 in already budgeted expenditures to function 71100, Regular Education, from 71200, Special Education, and to amend \$115,676 in already budgeted expenditures to function 72210, Regular Education Program, from 72220, Special Education Program as presented.

4) Energy Position – initially funded by grant

This amendment funds \$64,918 for the Energy Management position that is part of the Energy Efficient School Council (EESC) \$167,060.00 allocation to Rutherford County Schools (RCS) to establish an ongoing energy management program. Mr. Clardy plans to fill this position as a Maintenance Worker IV Lead. The revenue will be recorded in account 46590, Other State Revenue. The balance of the grant will be handled by a later amendment.

Recommended motion – to amend \$64,918 in Other State Revenue, account 46590, and to amend \$64,918 in staff and benefits for the system's Energy Manager as presented.

5) Career Ladder

This amendment reduces the system's Career Ladder Extended Contract Revenue and the related Career Ladder Expenditures by \$37,507. The amendment also reclassifies the superintendent's Chief Operating Officer Supplement from Career Ladder Extended Contract, 72320-127, to Career Ladder 72320-117 in order to match state reporting.

Recommended motion – to reduce Career Ladder Extended Contract Revenue, account 46612, and the related Career Ladder Expenditures by \$37,507 and to reclassify the superintendent's Chief Operating Officer Supplement as presented.

Capital Projects (Fund 177) Amendment for On-going Projects

Each year all Capital Projects Fund outstanding purchase orders are liquidated on July 1, and the unexpended amounts revert to fund balance. This amendment effectively sets up the unexpended funds that were on these closed purchase orders as of June 30, 2013. This year's amendment covers four unfinished projects for a total of \$416,184.

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| • Smyrna/LaVergne stadium seating | \$155,155 |
| • Smyrna Middle roofing | 226,046 |
| • Central Office paving | 10,735 |
| • Repairs to Angie Road at Wilson Elementary School | 24,248 |

Recommended motion – to amend \$416,184 from the Capital Projects Fund Balance in order to complete 2013/13 projects as presented.